

Development of Sexual Behavior in Children			
AGE	NORMAL BEHAVIORS	INHIBITIONS- what stops child from acting-out	ABERANT BEHAVIORS
0-3 Touching Oneself Looking at Others Touching Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Openly masturbates ▪ Walks in on others unannounced ▪ If observes adult sexual activity, will be interested at a level similar to watching someone have a bowel movement 	<p>Clothing interferes with genital stimulation</p> <p>Negative reaction by adults inhibits child grabbing at others' bodies</p>	<p>Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tries to rub and smell adults' genitals ▪ Attempts to penetrate others' vaginal or anal openings with own genitals ▪ Attempts to be penetrated by another's genitals
4-6 Touching Oneself Looking at Others Touching Others	<p>Masturbates in private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Likely to create opportunities to compare their bodies with others' ▪ May hide and observe while person is bathing, using toilet, or undressing ▪ If circumstances permit, children will take advantage of showing each other their bodies and touching each other ▪ Touching is not masturbatory or directed toward sexual gratification but rather exploratory in nature 	<p>Negative reaction by the parent teaches child that genital stimulation is bad</p> <p>Negative reaction by adults teaches children nudity is socially unacceptable</p> <p>Negative reaction by adults inhibits touching others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities ▪ Tries to rub and smell adults' genitals ▪ Attempts to penetrate vaginal or anal openings with genitals ▪ Attempts to be penetrated by another's genitals ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves

<p>7 to 10 Touching Oneself</p>	<p>Masturbates in private (less likely to get caught)</p>	<p>Negative reaction of adults</p>	<p>Excessive masturbation that interferes in play behavior and daily activities</p>
<p>Looking at Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May engage in games that involve sexual exposure (e.g., playing doctor) ▪ May engage in competition (e.g., who can “pee” the farthest) ▪ May engage in dares or initiation into groups that have a sexual component (atmosphere always game-like) 	<p>Negative reaction by adults</p>	<p>Excessive attempts to observe others’ nudity which violates others’ privacy</p>
<p>Touching Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Touching bodies occurs within context of game or play activity ▪ Behavior would involve stroking genitals rather than sexual penetration unless encouraged or pressured by older person to do so ▪ Force or coercion would be absent ▪ Engagement in behaviors influenced by peers pressures and not out of fear 	<p>Internalized values that behavior is wrong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive sex play which interferes in other social activities ▪ Initiates sexual activities with adults ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves

<p>Preadolescent 11 to 12 through adolescent 13-18</p> <p>Touching Oneself</p> <p>Looking at Others</p> <p>Touching Others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Masturbates in private or with peers ▪ Achieves greater control over physiological response to self-stimulation ▪ Intense interest in viewing others' bodies- especially the opposite sex ▪ Deliberate peeking at peers of opposite sex ▪ Viewing pornographic materials ▪ Most adolescents engage in some type of interactive sexual behavior with others, including some or all of the following: open-mouth kissing; fondling; penetration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Negative reaction of others ▪ Internalized values ▪ Negative reaction of others ▪ Internalized values ▪ Values that identify premarital sex as wrong ▪ Fear of pregnancy ▪ Fear of disease 	<p>Excessive masturbation that interferes in social activities with peers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Excessive attempts to observe others' nudity which violates other's privacy ▪ Excessive viewing of pornographic materials that interferes in social activities with peers ▪ Hyposexual-phobic of sexual behaviors, including kissing ▪ Hypersexual-indiscriminate sexual behavior with multiple partners ▪ Initiates sexual activities with young children ▪ Forces sexual involvement of peers or younger children with themselves
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